

## COVID-19 MESSAGE TO CLEAR CREEK COUNTY PLACES OF WORSHIP



DATE: November 8, 2020  
FROM: Dr. Timothy Ryan, County Public Health Director  
TO: All Clear Creek County Places of Worship

After a Board of Health meeting with representatives from CDPHE on Friday, Clear Creek County will be moving to a more restrictive Safer at Home Level starting Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 am. The move is due to a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in our community over the last three weeks. According to the CDPHE, our incidence rate is **above 300 cases per 100,000 and our test positivity rate is above 6%**, and we have recently seen the largest number of new cases in Clear Creek since the pandemic began.



Clear Creek County will remain at Safer at Home Level Orange until there is an improvement in active COVID-19 cases in the county. **The more these restrictions and guidelines are followed now, the sooner we can get back to a less restrictive level.** If cases continue to increase, Clear Creek County may have to move into the even more restrictive level of Stay at Home.

**Under the Safer at Home: Level Orange restrictions, places of worship must operate under the following restrictions:**

- Indoors (unseated): 25% capacity or 50 people with social distancing calculator (whichever is fewer)
- Indoors (seated): 25% capacity or 50 people (whichever is fewer)
- Outdoors: 6 feet between parties

We understand that this is a particularly difficult time for our local businesses. By heightening restrictions now, we hope to get our case count under control and protect the health and safety of our community, with the hope that we will be able to move back to a less restrictive level in time for the increase in business nearer to the holidays. As the business owner, you should be actively moving toward level orange over the next several days.

We also continue to ask that you help mitigate the spread of this highly contagious virus by **wearing a mask, maintaining 6 feet physical distance, and avoiding all social gatherings with those not in your household.**

For more information, including details on restrictions for all sectors, please visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial/covid-19-dial-dashboard>.

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